GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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DISABLED CHILDREN IN EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the inclusion of disabled children into the mainstream of education, the education for the disabled remained a distant dream;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have directed the State Governments to provide free education in an appropriate environment to all children with disabilities upto the age of 18 years; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

a) & b) : As against the target of bringing 90000 disabled children under the scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) for inclusion of disabled children inthe mainstream of education in Ninth Five Year Plan period, the Government was able to exceed the target by providing education to 133088 disabled children by now. Further the Government has proposed for a sum of Rs.31.50 crores for the year 2002-2003 which is 47% higher than last year allocation.

c) & d) : Minister of Human Resource Developmentand Education Secretary have been impressing upon the States and UTs for strengthening the programmes for education of disabled children in normal schools and implementation of provisions of Persons With Disabilities Act 1995, which include the provision of free education to disabled children upto the age of 18 years. Majority of the State Governments have positively responded.